

CLAIMS

What is Claimed is:

1. A method for enabling communication between at least one first party and at least one second party comprising the steps of:

providing an electronic device adapted to display at least one transactional flash card comprising a first text understandable to the first party and a second text understandable to the second party and an image, wherein both texts describe the image;

wherein the first party presents the at least one transactional flash card to the second party; and wherein a transaction is communicated to the second party when the second party views the transactional flash card.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the first party selects a transactional flash card for display from a plurality of flash cards stored in a memory in said electronic device.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the texts describing the image further describe an intent to perform a transaction.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein additional information is provided as text understandable to only the first party.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein the display further comprises at least one icon containing condensed information concerning the transaction.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the first text and the second text contain an inquiry concerning the price of a transaction.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the first text and the second text contain an inquiry concerning a particular form of payment.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic device further comprises interactive hardware.

9. The method of claim 8 wherein the first party may use said interactive hardware to enter into the device comments or notes concerning a transaction to be performed using the transactional flashcard.
10. The method of claim 9 wherein the interactive hardware comprises a stylus.
11. The method of claim 9 wherein the interactive hardware comprises a touchpad.
12. The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic device is further adapted to accept removable memory media.
13. The method of claim 12 wherein the electronic device is further adapted to allow the first party to display information stored in the removable memory media, and wherein the information is viewable also by the second party.
14. The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic device is further adapted to connect to the Internet.
15. The method of claim 14 wherein the electronic device is capable of transmitting and receiving transactional flash cards from the Internet.
16. The method of claim 1 wherein the electronic device is adapted to allow the second party to enter into the electronic device a monetary amount corresponding to a second party currency, the device further configured to allow the first party to convert the entered second monetary amount into an amount corresponding to a first party currency.
17. The method of claim 16 wherein the electronic device is further adapted to connect to the Internet to obtain a current exchange rate.
18. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a personal digital assistant.
19. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a cellular phone.
20. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic device is a Game Boy.
21. A method for enabling communication between first and second parties comprising the steps of:

providing an electronic device adapted to display at least one digital transactional flash card comprising a first text understandable to the first party and a

second text understandable to the second party and an image, wherein both texts describe the image;

storing a plurality of transactional flash cards in memory of the device for display on at least one screen of the device; and

storing a user profile created by the first party in the memory.

22. The method of claim 21 wherein the user profile comprises a list of the first party's favorite digital transactional flash cards.

23. The method of claim 21 wherein the user profile comprises a list of the first party's picks of digital transactional flash cards.

24. The method of claim 21 wherein the user profile contains comments entered by the first party.

25. The method of claim 21 wherein the user profile comprises at least one note entered by the first party.

26. The method of claim 21 wherein the electronic device is further adapted to send and retrieve other first party user profiles from the Internet.

27. The method of claim 21 wherein the plurality of digital transactional flash cards may be sorted into groups.

28. The method of claim 27, further comprising a navigational system comprising a plurality of cross-linked pages that allow the first party to select the stored flash cards from a plurality of cross-referenced groups.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the navigation system further has several programmed actions that assist the first party in moving through the selection process.

30. A method of enabling communication between first and second parties, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first electronic device having a display, the device adapted to store a plurality of digital transactional flash cards in a memory so that at least one flash card may be viewed on the display;

- (b) selecting at least one digital transactional flash card from the memory;
- (c) displaying the at least one digital transactional flash card comprising a first text understandable to the first party and a second text understandable to the second party and an image, wherein both texts describe the image; and
- (d) enabling the first party to communicate with another first party user of a second electronic device adapted to store a plurality of transactional flash cards in a memory by exchanging stored digital transactional flash cards between the first and second electronic devices.

31. The method of claim 30, wherein at least two first parties have stored user profiles in the memories of the first and a second electronic devices, step (d) further comprising the step of exchanging user profiles between the first and second electronic devices.

32. The method of claim 31, wherein the user profiles of the at least two first parties are sent by the at least two electronic devices to an exchange facility on the internet from which they can be retrieved or viewed by other first parties.

33. The method of claim 30, wherein at least one first party has stored user profiles of other first parties in the memory of at least one electronic device.

34. The method of claim 30, wherein at least one electronic device comprises a camera.

35. The method of claim 30, wherein first party users can exchange notes in form of images taken by the camera.

36. A method of enabling communication between first and second parties, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a first electronic device having a display, the device adapted to store a plurality of digital transactional flash cards in a memory so that at least one flash card may be viewed on the display;
- (b) selecting at least one digital transactional flash card from the memory;

- (c) displaying the at least one digital transactional flash card comprising a first text understandable to the first party and a second text understandable to the second party and an image, wherein both texts describe the image; and
- (d) providing the second party with a second electronic device having a display, the device adapted to receive through wireless or wired transmission from the first party a list comprising at least one digital transactional flash card that may be viewed on the display of the second electronic device.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein first party can beam price inquiries to the second party.

38. The method of claim 37, wherein the second party can beam to the first party an itemized bill with a total for the list of the items requested by at least one first party.